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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Reciprocity

1. Returned herewith is the file you handed me at the staff meeting yesterday. You wanted this returned promptly so that you could answer Mr. Robert Murphy's letter to you under date of 7 May.

2. I asked Mr. Angleton for his comments which are attached. I have also talked with [redacted] on this problem. [redacted] feels that we "should turn our heads and let sleeping dogs lie". Although there is much to be said for this approach, it does not help the Department of State with its basic problem and perpetuates a situation which is certainly not going to "go away" of its own accord. Therefore, I subscribe to Mr. Angleton's suggestion that in replying to Mr. Murphy, you reiterate your previous position thereby indicating a willingness to be identified with the Department of State in urging consideration of the matter provided that such consideration by the Congress is not going to involve a heated debate with resultant harmful disclosures.

3. It may well be that you would prefer to have an oral discussion with Mr. Murphy. I am not at all sure that he is thoroughly conversant with the history of this problem and the various meetings which you have had at the White House and elsewhere. It might be useful if you and he were able to develop a concerted stand, thus obviating the possibility that the Department's difficult position might lead it to force an issue without due consideration of the interests and viewpoints of other agencies.

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Chief of Operations, DD/P

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